

House District 17 Representative

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AGE: 38

PLACE OF BIRTH: Charlottesville, VA

SPOUSE’S NAME: Khalial Withen

CHILDREN’S NAMES: Zara, Simone

OCCUPATION: Legislator, Union Organizer

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 10 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage, 2012-present

EDUCATION:
Bachelor’s Degree, majoring in economics

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Legislative aide at local, state, and federal levels

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Outdoor writer, Anchorage Press

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

Anchorage NAACP, Anchorage Youth Court, Alaska Trails, Bike Anchorage, Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Arctic Valley/Anchorage Ski Club, Single Track Advocates

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Outdoors activities with family (skiing, hiking, backpacking, fishing, bike packing)

OTHER:

I grew up loving the outdoors, so when my wife graduated from law school we moved to Alaska. We’ve lived in Fairview, Downtown, and South Addition. Our daughters Zara (four years old) and Simone (two years old) enjoy playing with friends, swimming, reading, visiting local playgrounds, and going on camping trips.

STATEMENT:

We should work to ensure Alaska is the best place to live, work, and raise a family. That means strengthening our school system, including K-12 and expansion of Pre-K. We need to stabilize our childcare sector, which is essential for working families and businesses’ ability to hire and retain employees. Improving our parks, trails, and public facilities like libraries is important to attract and retain families. It is equally important to take care of our elders, and I’m proud that we’ve protected and re-invested in our Pioneer Homes so that multi-generational families can continue to live here.

I hope the legislature can continue to protect and grow the Permanent Fund so that we can improve the state’s fiscal stability while funding core services such as education, public safety, transportation infrastructure, and the University of Alaska. I’m proud the legislature has chosen the fiscally responsible path of building up the Permanent Fund. This means funding core services and appropriating PFDs within a Percent of Market Value (POMV) framework that protects the principal of the Permanent Fund. Fiscally responsible policy that protects our Permanent Fund, fiscal stability, and core services will continue to be my top priority.

I’m proud to have been a member of a bipartisan majority for the last four years, and if re-elected I will work hard to maintain that pragmatic approach to governing.

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